

THE WESTWORTH WORD



*Please
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rain!*

*Worshiping
Serving
Fellowshipping*

**Westworth
Church of Christ**

WELCOME VISITORS Thank you for joining us today to worship the Lord.

If you are looking for a supportive, Bible-based church family, we believe you have found it at Westworth. You are always welcome to be a part of the warmth and loving nature that is shown here. We have a place for you!

If this is your first visit here, please honor us by filling out a visitor's card found on the back of each pew. Any prayer requests may also be made on the flip side of the card. You may hand it to any member, place it in the contribution box at the front of the auditorium or simply leave it in the pew for us.

During the service we will celebrate communion. Communion is not only about Jesus' death, but his resurrection and triumph over death and sin. His resurrection is our source of hope that God will fulfill his promise of eternal life through Jesus the Christ.

Today from the Pulpit

Repent or Perish

Basic Christianity—Pt. 3

Speaker—Max Pratt

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9

John Preached Repentance

Jesus Preached Repentance

Apostles' Witness

Repentance—A Command of God



THE WONDER OF GOD'S CREATION

Sheep are usually easy prey for dogs. I recall trying to keep a pack of dogs away from our neighbor's sheep. They would come in at night and stalk their victims. That is just as normal as it can be. In God's creation the dogs are the predators, and the sheep are the prey.

When the shepherd boy, David was declaring himself fit and ready to face Goliath, the Philistine champion, he told of how he had killed the lion and the bear to protect his father's sheep. Around our part of the world the greatest threats would be the coyotes or the neighbor's dogs.

It was on my early morning school bus run that I witnessed something I had never seen. It was light enough to see into the sheep pens of one of my regular stops. As the boys were loading onto the bus, I was watching their two Great Pyrenees dogs work on a sick sheep. While one of the boys returned to the house to report the problem the other one told me the dogs were trying to keep the sick lamb from dying. For the few minutes I was parked at their house, I was fascinated by the effort of these two huge sheep dogs. They surrounded the sick sheep and were tugging and nudging as if to get it back up on its feet. I asked the next day if the sheep lived. It died but not for a lack of effort on the part of that pair of guard dogs.

Isn't it interesting that most canines would attack, kill and eat the sheep, but these sheep dogs protect them from danger. I knew the Great Pyrenees protected the sheep, but had no idea of their nature to help save them in other ways.

As we observe God's creation we learn of His amazing creativity. We worship the God Who is without limits. As the Bible says, "**Nothing is impossible with God.**" His limitless power, knowledge and presence should cause us to humble ourselves before Him. It should lead us to find Him and know Him. We do not have to search very far. He has reached down to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. He sent Him into the world to save us from sin's sickness and condemnation. He can protect us from the dangers to our souls. He will tug and nudge us so that we might live eternally.

That pair of Great Pyrenees pups did all they could to save the sheep. They couldn't save that one. Jesus will do everything He can to save our souls. He is able to save to the uttermost!

What's Happening

September 4—Labor Day—The ‘unofficial’ end of summer. Now if we can just get a break from the drought and heat.

September 10—Trustee's meeting

September 12—Next scheduled delivery of food items to Southside Church of Christ. Thank you for your continued generosity. All you have to do is shop for your families' groceries to understand why this need continues to grow.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. - Gal 6:9

September 17—Regular 3rd Sunday Lunch. Aren't you glad we do this on a regular basis. What a blessing these times of fellowship are!



W-o-W—For those interested in participating in this project by having a “**Words of Wisdom**” sign for your yard, more should be available soon.

September 23—First Day of Fall—autumnal equinox—the ACTUAL end of summer. Hope we see some decline in the daily temperatures by then.



Extra copies of House to House are available in both foyers. You are encouraged to take some for your neighbors, relatives, friends, co-workers... (you get the idea).

As Max said last week, they are not doing any good just sitting in the foyer.

Beyond our information, the material in this publication is always good to ponder.



Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. John 5:14



Known Prayer needs and requests:

David Burris—UPDATE: David is still at home recovering from his recent surgery. His follow-up appointment was this past week. He was referred to an immunologist for additional treatment. Please continue to pray for David and Tracy and family.

Tom Flaherty—Brian's Dad. Please continue to pray for Tom for healing and improved strength and mobility. His condition is essentially unchanged.

Jessica Gunnels—Sarah Lisle's friend—**UPDATE:** Sarah spent some time sitting with Jessica last Sunday and reports that things are not going well. Because of all the extreme measures they have gone to for Jessica, she got CO2 poisoning that resulted in the loss of all progress to date. She is back to full dependence on the ventilator. She is still fighting infection in her lungs, and bleeding has started again. Within the last few days her left airway collapsed, requiring another surgery. Please continue to pray for Jessica and her family.

Joyce Gray—cognitive and physical decline. Max and Juan have been able to find what they believe to be the 'right' fit in terms of a caregiver who is available to allow them some respite.

Max, Juan and Ann—as they care for Joyce and her needs. Juan continues chiropractic treatments for her sciatica with some gradual improvement.

Wayne Kreger—Still sore from his fall, but able to be out and about.

Ernie Brawley—Continues his recovery from cataract surgery on 8/15.

Floretta Hubbard—congestive heart failure and COPD. Is out only occasionally for doctors or other health needs. She spent the night in the hospital this week because of swelling and difficulty breathing.

Sharold Ferris—Sharold continues to recover and monitor recent health issues. He is able to be up and about—with caution. Please continue prayers for Sharold's overall health.

Bob & Betty Lane—UPDATE: Bob had some unusual swelling and on Sunday, 8/27, Betty took him to get lab work done. The results prompted the doctors to prescribe Lasix, but did not require hospitalization. They were very thankful for that. Please keep Bob and Betty in your prayers.

Joyce Bennett—She is unable to drive and depends on Tommy to help her get around. She would greatly appreciate calls from Christian brothers and sisters.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

Rain—please pray for rain and improved weather conditions as we approach the change of seasons.

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us:

- ♦ Dennis McMillion
- ♦ Gracie Rhyne
- ♦ Pat Straw
- ♦ Jane Whitley

Please include prayers for :

- **Church growth and leadership**—pray for God’s guidance and blessings on efforts to grow the Lord’s church. Pray for wisdom for our leaders.
- **Civil leadership** - pray for upright leaders at all levels of government.
- **Parents**—pray for God’s guidance and blessing for parents as families strive to navigate these turbulent times
- School teachers, administrators and staff as the new school year progresses.

Please make known your prayer needs.



September Birthdays

Joyce Bennett	Sept 16	Jane Whitley	Sept 19
Brodie Kirby	Sept 17	Jessica Snell	Sept 26
James Kreger	Sept 19	Stacy Feters	Sept 26
Quinn Montgomery	Sept 19	D’Ann Bristol	Sept 30

I have no September anniversaries on my file. If I have missed anyone, please let me know.

Thanks, Sherry

James 3:13

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you?

Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.



Brief inspirational programs by Max, available 24/7 at the following link:

<https://momentsofinspiration.org>

STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday - Westworth Men's Group (1st & 3rd Tuesdays)



Current study:

The Apostle Peter—his life & ministry
All are invited to join us in this research. Come
share your knowledge. Help us learn from
Peter's life how we can better serve God.

Next Meeting: ➔ Sept 5, 2023 ⬅ 7pm, Activity Bldg.

Wednesday Night Bible Study—Weekly @ 7pm—Activity Bldg.

Wednesday night studies continue the book of 2 Samuel.



Everyone is welcome. Watch this space for
"What's Next" on Wednesday evenings.

No matter the materials used, these mid-week sessions can help lift your spirits for the remainder of the week. Hope you feel encouraged to join these opportunities to grow and learn.

Thursdays Women's Virtual Bible Study

Each week — 7:00 pm via Google meet

Current Study:

Gideon—Your Weakness. God's Strength
by Priscilla Shirer



For information regarding materials and access (web-site and passcode) contact:

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for September: Curtis Thompson

Date	Today—September 3, 2023
Open	Curtis Thompson
Usher	Curtis Dunson
Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty
Prayer	Jim Allen
Communion	Johnny Box
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Thompson Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson
Reading	TBD
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Sherry Yates

COMING WEEKS

Date	September 10	September 17	September 24
Open	Curtis Dunson	Curtis Thompson	Eric Kreger
Usher	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Curtis Thompson	Brian Flaherty	Sharold Ferris
Communion	Max Lisle	Curtis Thompson	Curtis Thompson
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Max Lisle / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Mike Lisle David & Hettie Keller
Reading	Wayne Kreger	Bill Jones	Tom Reynolds
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger	Randy Feters	Susan Flaherty

Communion Preparation September: Wanda Reynolds

What we want you to know about Westworth Church of Christ

We believe the gospel of Jesus Christ is the most important message for everyone in the world. Christ’s message of salvation is packed with blessings for individuals, families, and community. Our mission is to share His gospel.

Our message comes from the inspired word of God. We teach that we are all sinners, and need saving from our sins. We are not saved by our own goodness or merit, but by the grace of God through our faith and obedience to the Gospel of Jesus. Jesus came to be our savior.

We believe...

- Jesus is the Son of God (John 11:27).
- in the Gospel Invitation (Matthew 11:28-30).
- the confession of our faith leads to our salvation (Romans 10:9-11).
- Godly sorrow turns a person away from sin to living a righteous life (Luke 5:32, 2 Corinthians 7:10).
- Baptism is one’s new birth; when we bury the sinful man and rise up into a new spiritual life (Romans 6:3-5, 1 Peter 3:21-22).
- by living a faithful life God is glorified (Hebrews 13:15-16).

You are always welcome here. If you have any questions, or would like to know more about our beliefs please contact any member, call Max Pratt directly, or call the church office or to arrange time with him.

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